

REMARKS

This is a supplemental amendment. Claims 1-25 were pending in the present application. By virtue of the timely-filed amendments filed November 22, 2002 (prior to the abandonment of the application by the Office), claims 1, 8 and 16 were amended, and new claims 24-25 were added. Accordingly, claims 1-25 are currently under consideration. Applicant believes that these claims have not yet been entered by the Examiner.

By this supplemental amendment, claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 21, and 22 are amended and new claims 26-33 are added. The amended and new claims are fully supported in the specification, as described more fully below. No new matter is believed to have been added. Amendment to the claims and specification serve to correct typographical errors, where both the error and its correction are obvious to one of skill in the art, and therefore do not constitute new matter. Support for the specification amendment and new claims can also be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and, in particular in Examples 1-20 (each of which has R⁸ as a sugar) and originally filed claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, and 20. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Also submitted herewith is a 3rd Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner review each of the submitted Information Disclosure Statements and return the initialed PTO-1449 forms.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

CONCLUSION

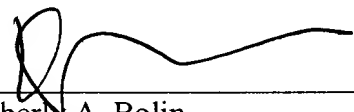
Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 342312003700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Commissioner that during the preparation of the current amendment the Applicants noted that the surcharge for having a multiply dependent claim was not paid at the time of filing the previous Office Action. Accordingly the Applicants are paying the fee for the multiple dependent claim in conjunction with the additional claim fees for the new claims submitted herewith.

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